

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 735**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Ridley-Thomas**

February 25, 2015

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An act to amend Section 67454 of the Education Code, relating to postsecondary education.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 735, as introduced, Ridley-Thomas. Postsecondary education: Student Athlete Bill of Rights.

Existing law provides for a system of postsecondary education in this state. This system includes the University of California, administered by the Regents of the University of California, the California State University, administered by the Trustees of the California State University, the California Community Colleges, administered by the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges, and independent institutions of higher education. Existing law establishes a Student Athlete Bill of Rights, which, among other things, provides for the protection of athletic scholarships for student athletes and requires certain institutions of higher education to pay the premiums for specified student athletes for insurance claims resulting from their participation in those institutions' athletic programs. Existing law repeals the provisions granting these rights to student athletes on January 1, 2021.

This bill would instead grant these rights to student athletes who initially enrolled in institutions of higher education before January 1, 2021.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1     SECTION 1. Section 67454 of the Education Code is amended
- 2     to read:
- 3     67454. This part shall ~~become inoperative on~~ *only apply to*
- 4     *student athletes who initially enrolled in institutions of higher*
- 5     *education before January 1, 2021.*